

Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office Awards Eighteen Grants for Cultural Programs and Arts Education in 2008

The City of Carlsbad Arts Commission has completed the selection of recipients of the 2008 Community Arts Grants for projects taking place in Carlsbad. The Arts Grant Program, now in its 22nd year, provides cultural opportunities for Carlsbad citizens and strengthens local arts organizations through matching grants that cover part of the cost of the proposed projects. Eighteen non-profit organizations and schools will share \$25,000 for activities taking place in 2008. The Arts Commission approved the recommendations made by a peer review panel of local arts professionals and community representatives. For more information about the annual Community Arts Grants Program, please contact the Carlsbad Arts Office at (760) 434-2920.

Organizations and Partnership: Seven grants were made, ranging from \$750 to \$5,000:

Artsplash and Fern Street Circus, for performances at the Artsplash Festival in September;

Carlsbad Arts Partnership for five workshops by artists for teachers, emphasizing use of the arts in the classroom, open to interested parents and artists;

Carlsbad-Oceanside Art League, for nine free demonstrations by professional artists, open to the public;

Carlsbad Playhouse, for support of the 2008 season of seven staged readings;

Museum of Making Music for a series of interactive music storytelling programs for children;

New Village Arts, for its season of seven productions including the annual free Shakespeare in the Park;

Patrons of the Arts (Carlsbad Community Theatre), for the 2008 season of adult and youth productions and workshops;

Arts Education: Eleven grants of \$500 to \$1,000 were awarded for activities within the schools that contain a performance, exhibition or presentation open to public attendance:

Buena Vista Elementary for a school-wide program in traditional cultures on four continents, including performances, hands-on art projects and food, and open to the families of the students to attend.

Carlsbad High School Band Boosters for support for a guest artist coach in Drum Line.

Carlsbad High School Drama Club for a guest choreographer for the spring musical production.

Carlsbad High School English Language Development Department for a spring semester storytelling project for English language learners, led by a resident storyteller.

Hope Elementary for the purchase of five musical instruments to expand the inventory for the fifth grade instrumental performance section of the school's all-grades music development program.

Jefferson Elementary for support for the artist in residence for a free program in violin instruction currently training 65 K-5 students.

Kelly Elementary for an all-grades project in puppetry with an artist in residence and three puppetry performances.

Montessori Arts & Sciences for a mosaic mural project with a resident artist, incorporating the study of local terrain and wildlife habitat.

Pacific Rim Elementary for a program in dance instruction for all first through third grade students for one semester.

St. Patrick's School for a program in Readers' Theatre Integrated Curriculum for first through third grade students and teachers.

Valley Middle School: A two-week, school-sited "art museum" with teacher training and student literary and visual art responses to the works in the exhibition.